

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 7 and 12 are amended. Support for amendments to claims 1 and 7 can be found, for example, in the specification, at page 23, lines 6-20, page 36 and Figs. 3, 4 and 6. Claims 6 and 12 are amended for form. Thus, no new matter is added.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Nguyen and Examiner Poon at the interview held on April 29, 2008, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below, which constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,886,028 to Matsuyama et al. ("Matsuyama") in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,145,673 to Lin ("Lin"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As agreed during the personal interview, Matsuyama and Lin, alone or in a permissible combination, does not disclose a settings image data providing portion controlling the communicating portion to provide the network with settings image data, the settings image data indicating a settings image that lists at least one setting item among a plurality of setting items, ...; an edit image data providing portion controlling the communicating portion to provide the network with edit image data, the edit image data indicating an edit image that enables the user to identify at least one setting item desired to be listed in the settings image from among the plurality of setting items; and a settings image data editing portion receiving, from the network via the communicating portion, an edit instruction that is inputted in association with the edit image and that indicates at least one setting item identified by the user, as recited in amended independent claim 1, and as similarly recited in amended independent claim 7.

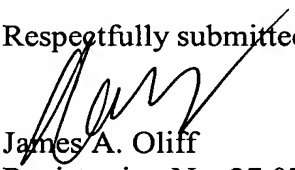
For at least the reasons discussed above, independent claims 1 and 7 are patentable over Matsuyama and Lin. Further, claims 2-6 and 8-14, which variously depend from claims 1 and 7, are also patentable over Matsuyama and Lin for the same reasons discussed above with respect to independent claims 1 and 7, as well as for the additional features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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